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PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. 17040.3a.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	Walid Najib ABOUL-HOSN	)
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Serial No.:	10/644,599	)
		) Art Unit
Filing Date:	August 19, 2003	) 3734
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Confirmation No.:	5566	)
		)
Title:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR	)
	MAINTAINING FLOW THROUGH A	)
	VESSEL OR DUCT	)
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Examiner:	Vy Q. Bui	)
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Customer No.:	022913	)

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 12, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following to be filed in the above-identified application.

The Examiner has requested an election of a single invention from the following patentably distinct inventions as alleged by the Examiner:

Group I - (Claims 1-34, 52-60): drawn to a device/devices, classified in class 623,  
subclass 1.15

Group II - (Claims 35-51): drawn to a method/methods, classified in class 623,  
subclass 902

Applicant hereby elect claims 1-34, 52-60 of Group I without traverse.

Claims 35-51 are hereby withdrawn from consideration without prejudice to the further prosecution of these claims at a later date. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at (801) 533-9800.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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